REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed this Application in light of the Office Action mailed December 31, 2007. Claims 1, 4-10 and 21-32 are pending in this Application and Claims 1, 4-10 and 21-32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Claims 2-3 and 11-20 were previously cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 25 and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0078597 by Ray Sun et al. (*"Sun"*), in further view of U.S. Patent 7,020,476 issued to Christopher W. Day et al. (*"Day"*).

Claims 4-10 and 21-24, 26-29, 31 and 32 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Sun* and *Day*, further in view of various references.

Applicants respectfully traverse and submit the cited art combinations, even if proper, which Applicants do not concede, do not render the claimed embodiment of the invention obvious. In particular, with respect to independent Claims 1, 25 and 30, Applicants respectfully submit that *Sun* and *Day*, either alone or in combination, fail to disclose each and every limitation recited in Claim 1, 25, and 30.

For example, Claim 1 recites a method for activating a wireless network security with a wireless host, comprising: "in a wireless network having a deactivated wireless network security for the wireless network *such that at least a first wireless client and a second wireless client can access the wireless network without authentication*, a wireless host establishing a communication connection with the first client." The Examiner does not allege that *Day* teaches this particular element of Claim 1, but instead appears to assert that such element is taught by Figure 4, steps 405 and 410 of *Sun*, and associated text. (Office Action, Page 3). *Sun*'s entire discussion of steps 405 and 410 reads as follows:

> **FIG. 4** illustrates a process for logging into a network with PEAP, in accordance with aspects of the invention. After starting, the process flows to block 405, where a new wireless network is detected. Moving to block 410, the user clicks connect to begin connecting to the network.

(*Sun*, Paragraph [0044]).

Applicants respectfully assert that the cited portion of *Sun* does not teach, disclose, or suggest a "wireless network ... such that such that at least a first wireless client and a second wireless client can access the wireless network without authentication," as recited in Claim 1. In fact, *Sun* appears to teach the exact opposite of a wireless client that "can access [a] wireless network without authentication" as *Sun* in essence describes systems and methods for authenticating wireless communication devices (*see, e.g.*, Paragraph [0014]: "The present invention is directed at providing a system and method for Automatic Client Authentication for a Wireless Network"). Thus, *Sun* completely fails to disclose a "wireless network ... such that such that at least a first wireless client and a second wireless client can access the wireless network without authentication," as recited in Claim 1. For at least these reasons, and the reasons set forth in Applicants' previous responses, *Sun* and *Day* do not teach each and every element of Claim 1, and thus cannot render obvious Claim 1. For the same or analogous reasons, *Sun* and *Day* fail to render obvious Claims 25 and 30 which include limitations similar to those set forth in Claim 1.

Given that Claims 4-10 and 21-24 depend from Claim 1, Claims 26-29 depend from Claim 25, and Claims 31 and 32 depend from Claim 30, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 4-10 and 21-24, 26-29, 31 and 32 are allowable. As such, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), and full allowance of Claims 1, 4-10 and 21-32.
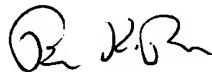
CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for allowance in light of the amendments and remarks set forth above. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims.

Applicants believe there are no other fees due at this time. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 512.322.2684.

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